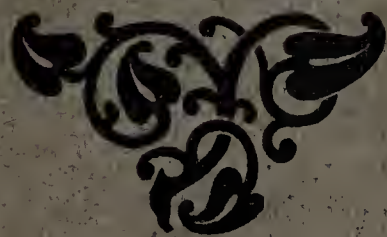


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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Dorchester Relief Society

FOUNDED 1879. INCORPORATED 1904.

For the Year Ending September 30, 1918

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY

Incorporated November 8, 1904

We find in making our thirty-seventh Annual Report that the activities of the Dorchester Relief Society have been conducted as usual, with the exception that war conditions have made the calls for aid more numerous, and larger expenditures have been necessary. The difficulty of obtaining coal caused much suffering here, as in other parts of the city, during the severe weather of the winter, but the plan adopted allowing persons to pay for coal by installments, which was purchased by this Society, proved to be a great help, and the same method will be pursued the coming winter.

There have been twenty-five old persons on our visiting list, and, as the care of the old is the special responsibility of this Society, we are glad to report that many of these have been kept from the almshouse by the substantial aid and advice we have been able to give. The close touch with our agent has given cheer and courage, and in several instances light work has been obtained for old men and sewing for women with small pay, and by this means they have been led to feel of some use in the world.

The two Conferences of the Associated Charities, at Upham's Corner and Mattapan have referred fifty cases to us for aid, which has been cordially given to the amount of \$434.38, and limited only on account of the low state of our finances. This Society receives frequent applications to render special service, from physicians, hospitals, Overseers of the Poor, and individuals, such as a call from the Out-Patient Department of the City Hospital, to provide for a woman for a few weeks until she should be able to resume work. A physician asked that a bed be obtained in some hospital for a cancer patient which he had found most difficult. After many inquiries and

applications, the Long Island Hospital was the only place which could be secured. If our treasury had admitted of placing this woman in private care, we would have gladly done so.

Nurses employed by the Board of Health have made known the great need for suitable clothing for tubercular patients who were in their care, and about to enter the State Hospitals. This has been a very appealing and useful branch of our work, and donations of warm clothing is urgently solicited. Special diet of eggs and milk has also been provided for tubercular patients who are permitted to remain in their own homes. The Social Service workers in Dorchester especially appreciate the promptness with which their applications are met, and this is an advantage that a small society near at hand possibly possesses.

The Churches in this district, of which there are fifty or more, through their workers, seek advice and aid; these workers find persons whom they do not wish to put in the care of organized charities, but are anxious to procure more aid than they are prepared to give outside of their own special church membership. If these churches could be prevailed upon to contribute a regular sum annually it would greatly facilitate the work and help toward refilling our now empty treasury; as reported in former years one church has adopted this plan and still remains without rivals.

This Society again took charge of one day at the Civic Centre, Codman Square; the subject chosen was "Food Conservation," and our agent also gave a comprehensive review of the work accomplished by the Dorchester Relief Society which met the ears of new residents of the district.

Several meetings have been held in this office when club workers and various societies have met and done special work—such as making bandages for the Dispensary.

The Dispensary has not been of as much service to the unfortunate ill of the neighborhood as in other years, owing to many physicians of the staff having gone to War; its valuable service during its existence will be reviewed later in the meeting.

The continued co-operation with twenty-three agencies including Hospitals, Homes, Churches, Associated Charities, the Board of Health, Charitable Societies, and individuals, enables much more work to be

done, and the usefulness of the Dorchester Relief Society to be broadened.

It is hard for those living out of Dorchester, and the many new residents, to comprehend the difficulties in reaching the distant points, which may well be compared to separate small towns. The suggestion has come from some of the larger societies situated in the city proper, that the Relief Society should no longer exist, but we who know the district feel very sure that it would be very unwise, and a disaster, especially to the aged, should it be discontinued.

At Thanksgiving 115 baskets of provisions, and complete dinners were distributed among carefully selected families, this being made possible by contributions from nine schools, several churches, and a few individuals. The gratitude expressed by the recipients of those gifts was most satisfactory. The physicians have as ever been most cordial in their response to visit the sick when called upon. To all these friends we extend our many thanks.

Last year we shared with Dorchester House in a Bag Campaign, which was planned and carried out in great detail by women; this was in a measure successful, but entailed much work; small sums were obtained from many persons who were new contributors, and to whom the Society was not known. The sum received by the Dorchester Relief Society was \$633.82. As yet no satisfactory plan has been discovered by which the residents of this large district of nearly two hundred thousand inhabitants have been made to feel their duty and responsibility toward their less fortunate neighbors.

We beg for broader interest and larger funds to enable us to keep on with our work. All contributions of clothing, bedding, and furniture will be most useful and will be sent for, if a card with the address is mailed to Miss H. E. Bruce, 204 Adams Street.

Respectfully submitted,

S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk.*

OFFICERS FOR 1918-1919.

President.

WALTER S. FOX,
24 Trull Street, Dorchester.

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EDWARD B. WILDER.

Secretary.

Mrs. FRANK K. NASH,
7 Colchester Street, Brookline.

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9 Allston Street, Dorchester.

Assistant Treasurer.

Mrs. CHARLES F. STONE,
12 Lincoln Street, Dorchester.

Auditor.

PINCKNEY HOLBROOK.

Counsel.

CHARLES L. CARR.

Agent.

Miss H. EUGENIA BRUCE,
204 Adams Street, Dorchester.

Trustees of Permanent Funds.

EDWARD B. WILDER. *Term expires 1919.*

STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN. *Term expires 1920.*

GEORGE G. BRADFORD. *Term expires 1921.*

Executive Committee.

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Members of Finance Committee.

GEORGE G. BRADFORD.
CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS.

STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN.
EDWARD B. WILDER.

Members Absent in War Service.

FRANCIS X. CORR, M.D.

CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS.
FRED G. MAY, Jr.

Report of E. H. Sharp, Treasurer, DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

October 1, 1917 to October 1, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 1, 1917	\$ 10.77
Donations	1,145.05
½ Receipts of Bag Campaign	633.82
Income from Investments from	
Trustees of Permanent Funds	550.00
Templeton Annuity	200.00
Interest on Deposit71
Loan, Special Fund	75.00
Loan	200.00
Collected by Agent including Balance October 1 (\$45.22)	778.40
	<u>\$3,593.75</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By Cash paid Agent's Salary	\$ 600.00
Rent	220.00
Printing, etc.	96.32
District Nursing Association, Dorchester Committee	110.00
Dorchester Federation Dues	2.00
Office Expenses	256.63
Dispensary	112.56
Aid (of this \$434.38 to the Associated Charities)	
Groceries, Milk, etc.	900.49
Fuel	104.29
Pensions and Loans	422.95
Board and Rent	543.50
Miscellaneous	56.31
Balance in hands of the Treasurer	7.03
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Special Fund	75.00
Balance in hands of Agent	86.67
	<u>\$3,593.75</u>

October 28, 1918.

I have examined the accounts of E. H. Sharp, Esq., Treasurer of The Dorchester Relief Society for the year ending September 30, and find them to be correct, with cancelled checks to support all payments.

PINCKNEY HOLBROOK,
Auditor.

Report of Trustees of Permanent Funds DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

For the Year Ending September 30, 1918.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance of Income October 1, 1917	\$	223.70	
Income from Investments		509.04	
Gift from Mrs. Frank K. Nash creating the Frank K. Nash Fund		500.00	
Surplus Account increased from Income		15.12	\$1,247.86
Paid Treasurer	\$	550.00	
Purchase of U. S. Government Second Liberty Loan		500.00	
Franklin Savings Bank, Increase of Principal		10.06	
Dorchester Savings Bank, Increase of Principal		5.06	
Transfer of Income to Surplus Account		15.12	
Balance of Income, September 30, 1918		167.62	\$1,247.86

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

\$2,000. United Electric Securities Co. Bonds	\$	1,990.00	
1,500. Central Vermont Railway Co. Bonds		1,200.00	
Franklin Savings Bank, Principal		276.63	
Dorchester Savings Bank, Principal		258.96	
3,000. Northern Pacific Great Northern Bonds		2,865.00	
3,000. American Telegraph and Telephone Co. Bonds		2,692.50	
1,000. Bay State Street Railway Co. Bonds		1,000.00	
1,000. Old Colony Street Railway Co. Bonds		860.00	
1,000. Detroit Edison Co. Bonds		970.00	
500. United States Liberty Loan		500.00	
Cash deposited in Metropolitan Trust Co.	\$	78.58	
Coupons in hand, account Aug. and Sept.		90.00	
Franklin Savings Bank deposit		12.55	
Dorchester Savings Bank deposit		16.49	197.62
			\$12,810.71

LIABILITIES.

Life Members and Donations	\$	125.00	
Surplus Account		402.44	
Income Balance		167.62	
Frank K. Nash Fund		500.00	
Mrs. Caroline B. Allen Fund		1,000.00	
Mrs. Mary E. C. Bates Fund		300.00	
Isaac H. Eddy Fund		500.00	
Anonymous Fund		1,000.00	
Sarah Elizabeth Hersey Fund In Memory of Coolidge Barnard		1,000.00	
Richard C. Humphreys Memorial Fund		4,435.90	
Richard C. Humphreys Fund		1,000.00	
Mary Ann Humphreys Fund		1,279.75	
Martha A. Foster Fund		1,000.00	
Martha Clapp Fund		100.00	\$12,810.71

Respectfully submitted,

Examined and Approved:
PINCKNEY HOLBROOK,
Auditor.

GEORGE G. BRADFORD,
STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN,
EDWARD B. WILDER, } *Trustees of
Permanent Funds.*

During the year ending September 30, 1918, the Trustees of Permanent Funds are credited with interest on deposit in savings banks, as follows:

Franklin Savings Bank	12.55	
Dorchester Savings Bank	<u>16.49</u>	29.04

This interest money is now on deposit in these savings banks, and your Trustees recommend that the annual meeting shall pass a vote that the Trustees of Permanent Funds be authorized to transfer these interest sums, aggregating \$29.04, to the principal accounts respectively of these banks.

Your Trustees beg to point out that these sums may be recovered at any time by a vote of the Society authorizing and directing the Trustees to pay to the Treasurer out of the principal of the savings bank accounts and charging any amounts so paid against the credit of the Surplus Account.

Respectfully,

STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN,
For the Trustees.

November 12, 1918.

DORCHESTER FREE DISPENSARY.

Staff of 1918-1919.

DR. WM. C. EMERY.

DR. J. H. DEVENNEY.

DR. FRANCIS X. CORR.

DR. E. H. L. HARTNETT.

REPORT OF THE DORCHESTER FREE DISPENSARY.

For the Year Ending September 30, 1918.

Owing to the War work, the Dispensary has not been able to secure Doctors for all Clinics, and the Influenza deprived us of the services of the Nurse we have always had, from the Instructive District Nursing Association of Boston, to assist the Doctor at the Clinics, so the work of the Dispensary has not been up to the standard of former years.

There were 152 Clinics held. Number of patients, 544. 22 people were refused treatment owing to their ability to pay a physician. 15 patients were given free medicine, and 21 patients were sent to specialists. All the above Staff Doctors are now engaged in War Work.

Viewed from the standpoint of numbers the work is not large, but when the fact is considered that many of these few patients come from homes where there are no means for paying a Doctor, and that through the Dispensary are restored to health, we cannot but feel that the Dispensary is doing a good work, and warrants our efforts to continue its usefulness in this community.

H. EUGENIA BRUCE, *Agent.*

Annual Subscribers and Donors for Dorchester Relief Society. 1917-1918.

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Dorchester Woman's Club	makers' Club
Lend-A-Hand Society, Christ Church	7 Schools
Nathaniel Hall Society, First Parish	1 Kindergarten School
Church	3 Individuals

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

PURPOSE:

- To provide relief and, if possible, employment for the worthy poor of
Dorchester, and to help them to become self-supporting.
- To make it possible for the Associated Charities:—
- To protect the community from beggars and impostors, and
- To prevent the increase of pauperism.

ADDRESS:

204 Adams Street, Fields Corner.

HOURS:

10 to 11 A.M. daily.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund
of the Dorchester Relief Society \$.....*

Dorchester Relief Society

The officers of the Society present their annual report to subscribers in the confident belief that the relief work of the past year will meet with their approval, and that the emphatic appeal which we feel constrained to urge for the coming year will receive a hearty and cordial response.

Relief work for Dorchester aged and worthy poor and the service which the Free Dispensary stands ready to furnish were *never more needed than today.*

Those to whom we minister are daily fighting a battle with poverty and disease, a conflict in which they have no furloughs and little hope for victory.

It is for us citizens of Dorchester to make allied cause with them our neighbors and friends, and bring help and encouragement into their saddened lives.

Let our support of this distinctively Dorchester charity be both prompt and liberal.

The blank appended for your convenience may be filled out and returned to

MRS. CHARLES F. STONE, Assistant Treasurer,

12 Lincoln Street, Dorchester, Mass.,

by whom your contribution will be gratefully acknowledged.

I enclose \$.....as a donation to the work of the

Dorchester Relief Society and the Dorchester Free Dispensary.

Name.....

Address.....

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ما كنا لنهتدي لولا أن هدانا الله
والحمد لله رب العالمين
والله اعلم بالصواب

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